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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. POSSIBLE CANADIAN WITHDRAWAL FROM ICCS

ON INSTRUCTIONS, CANADIAN AMBASSADOR CADIEUX TOLD UNDER SECRETARY PORTER MAY 17 THAT, ALTHOUGH A DECISION HAS NOT YET BEEN MADE, THERE IS A " REAL POSSIBILITY" THAT CANADA WILL WITHDRAW FROM THE ICCS IN VIETNAM AT THE END OF JUNE AND WILL MAKE A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT TO THIS EFFECT AT THE END OF MAY. AMBASSADOR PORTER EXPRESSED THE HOPE FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS BEFORE A FINAL DECISION IS MADE AND AFTER THE END OF THE PARIS TALKS. (SECRET) STATE 095128, 5/17 (EXDIS).

2. SOUTH KOREA EXAMINING FOREIGN POLICY CHANGE

REPUBLIC OF KOREA OFFICIALS, INCLUDING THE PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER, HAVE INDICATED TO AMBASSADOR HABIB THAT THEY ARE EXAMINING A MAJOR
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CHANGE IN FOREIGN POLICY. FOREIGN MINISTER KIM HAS SAID THE ROK MUST FIND A WAY TO CO- EXIST WITH NORTH KOREA WITHOUT ACCEPTING THE FINALITY OF TWO

KOREAS. HE STATED THE ROK SHOULD DECLARE IT IS PREPARED TO ACCEPT NORTH KOREAN PARTICIPATION IN UN ORGANIZATIONS AND DUAL RECOGNITION OF NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA. AMBASSADOR HABIB COMMENTS THAT WE SHOULD ENCOURAGE THE ROK IN ITS REALISTIC POLICY CHANGE. (CONFIDENTIAL) SEOUL 3111, 5/17 (EXDIS).

3. OPEC PARITY TALKS

AN OPEC OFFICIAL HAS TOLD EMBASSY VIENNA THAT THE MAY 8 DEADLOCK IN THE TRIPOLI DOLLAR PARITY NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN OPEC AND THE OIL COMPANIES RESULTED IN DISSENSION BETWEEN THE MODERATE AND RADICAL OIL PRODUCING STATES. HE STATED OPEC NONETHELESS INTENDS TO ADHERE TO ITS DEMAND FOR AN 11.11 PER CENT PRICE RISE. HOWEVER, A COMPANY OFFER AS CLOSE TO THAT FIGURE AS POSSIBLE COULD BREAK THE IMPASSE. (CONFIDENTIAL) VIENNA 4137, 5/17.

4. EC COMMISSION VIEWS ON PETROLEUM CONSUMER COOPERATION

AN OFFICIAL OF THE EC COMMISSION TOLD A MISSION OFFICER THAT COMMISSION VICE PRESIDENT SIMONET' S VISIT TO THE US WAS AN INDICATION OF THE COMMISSION' S INTEREST IN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION. HE SAID THE EC AND THE US SHOULD DISCUSS EMERGENCY OIL POOLING AND THE AVOIDANCE OF " DESTRUCTIVE COMPETITION," BUT ADDED THE EC HAS NOT DEVELOPED SPECIFIC IDEAS FOR A FRAMEWORK FOR COOPERATION. (CONFIDENTIAL) EC BRUSSELS 2754, 5/17.

5. PRIME MINISTER GANDHI SPEAKS OUT FOR BETTER RELATIONS

EMBASSY NEW DELHI REPORTS THAT, IN REACTION TO ANTI-US STATEMENTS BY CONGRESS PARTY PRESIDENT SHARMA, INDIAN PRIME MINISTER GANDHI TOLD CONGRESS MEMBERS
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OF PARLIAMENT THAT ALTHOUGH INDIA AND THE US DISAGREE ON MANY THINGS, THIS SHOULD NOT INTERFERE WITH INDIA' S " BASIC POLICY OF FRIENDSHIP." THE EMBASSY COMMENTS THAT MRS. GANDHI' S REMARKS ARE THE MOST DIRECT PUBLIC AFFIRMATION IN MANY MONTHS OF HER DESIRE FOR IMPROVED RELATIONS. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) NEW DELHI 5757, 5/16, 5803, 5/17. RUSH

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